

Today

No Guarantees, Thanks.  
News of Strange Interest.  
An Eye Transplanted.  
Brave Chimpanzee Mother.

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YOU COULD WRITE all this column, and ten columns more, about the suggestion that the United States fix the amount Germany must pay. No one would read it. It is enough to tell what the idea is: TO MAKE US FIX AN AMOUNT. AND THEN GUARANTEE IT. We should express our good wishes, advising our brother white nations to set a good example to yellow races by not robbing or killing each other too fiercely—and we should stop THERE.

FAR MORE INTERESTING to the busy American than Europe's effort to find how many eggs can be squeezed out of the German golden goose is any one of these items, ticked off by "the second hand of history," as Schopenhauer calls the daily newspaper.

A DOCTOR, attacked by a patient, was able to identify him by his unusual heart beat. A lady acquitted of murdering her husband instantly announced that she will open "a Mexican tea shop." Explain that, if you can.

A CLERGYMAN in London announces from the pulpit that "a lady high in society," wherever that may be, and wealthy, confessed to him that she had murdered her husband. The effort to make him tell who the lady was will fail. Such confessions are privileged, as they should be. Had he not been a clergyman, he would be guilty as accessory after the fact.

THE POLES HAVE elected a president a man named Wojciechowski. Pray for him if you can remember his name. He's a good man.

WHILE THE LAMP holds out to burn the vilest sinner may return. Fatty Arbuckle's return to moving pictures, authorized after a period of probation, is opposed by many women. They are relentless judges, especially of other women. Even the dying thief had a chance.

A BOY, BLINDED by fireworks, is to have the eye of a pig put in place of the eye destroyed, and will probably see with that eye. You'll learn that the mind alone rules, for through the eye of a pig the human mind will see as humans, not pigs, see, and desire what humans desire.

A POOR CHIMPANZEE, in the zoo, found herself with a new-born baby, and for the second time in her life, held the infant clasped to her breast, in terror, until it died of hunger and fatigue.

Even then the poor mother would not let it go. They put snakes into her cage. She dreads them above all things on earth, and they hoped fear would make her drop the dead baby. She only held it closer and defied the snakes.

Learn from her misguided affection that mother love is the greatest of all nature's forces. If W. J. Bryan could have seen that mother chimpanzee fearfully pushing away the dreaded snakes he would have said: "Hey, you! Stop trying to imitate a Christian mother!"

TO THAT QUESTION, "How much can a nation pay?" no answer is possible. What is the value of Raphael's "Sistine Madonna," at Dresden? What is the value of the "Venus of Milo," in the Louvre, or of Michael Angelo's "Moses," in the Church of St. Peter in Chains, at Rome? No price can be fixed on such possession. Once it was the habit of conquerors to steal such treasures. Napoleon was first class among art bandits. Now civilized nations would be ashamed of treasures thus attained, ashamed to even take cash from their sale.

HOW DESPERATELY nations cling to such treasures now, as in old days. The

Drug Victim's  
Widow Writes Own Story  
of Misery That Ended in  
Mate's Suicide—Page 3.

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The Weather  
Mostly cloudy today;  
tomorrow fair; not much  
change in temperature.



## HUGHES DENIES ANY PROPOSAL ON WAR DEBT

### MISSING ARMY AVIATORS FOUND BURNED TO DEATH; TWO-THIRDS OF NAVY OUT OF DATE, HARDING TOLD

#### MANY OF SHIPS UNFIT TO USE IN REAL WARFARE, EXPERTS CLAIM

Roosevelt Has Long Talk With  
President on Alarming Con-  
dition of Our Sea Forces

#### BUILT ON OLD MODELS

Estimate Need of Sixty Millions  
to Place Craft in Condition  
Comparable to the British

Two-thirds of the battleships  
making up the United States  
fleet are unfit for battle under  
modern conditions.

This information, it is under-  
stood, was conveyed to Presi-  
dent Harding by Assistant Sec-  
retary of the Navy Roosevelt  
in a long conference at the  
White House yesterday.

Approximately \$70,000,000, it is  
asserted, is urgently needed to  
start modernizing American bat-  
tleships to place them on a par  
with vessels in the British and  
Japanese navies. Great Britain,  
it is pointed out, already has ex-  
pended several times this amount  
in the modernization of capital  
ships.

#### 40 MILLIONS NEEDED.

It is estimated that \$40,000,000  
will be necessary to make what  
naval experts consider absolutely  
essential improvements in American  
battleships. Another \$20,000,000  
would be required to bring the ves-  
sels as completely up-to-date as is  
possible under the terms of the Five-  
power naval treaty.

#### AMERICAN PROGRAM.

The American program laid before  
President Harding covers four fun-  
damental improvements:

First—Increasing the elevation  
which can be given turret guns  
and thus lengthening their range  
to meet modern battle conditions.

Second—Placing "blisters" or  
swellings along the sides of the  
hulls to afford protection against  
torpedoes and depth bombs.

Third—Increasing the thickness  
of deck armor for protection against  
aerial bombs and high-angle gun-  
fire.

Fourth—Substitution of five-inch  
for three-inch guns for anti-air-  
craft defense.

Seventeen of eighteen British cap-  
ital ships to be retained under the  
naval treaty already have been  
brought up to date. The eighteenth,  
it is expected, will be modernized  
soon.

#### U. S. AT DISADVANTAGE.

By the terms of the treaty the  
United States must retain six bat-  
tleships, all planned and laid down  
before the oldest battleship kept in the  
British fleet. Three of these six  
cannot be replaced until 1934 and  
the remaining three until 1935.

These vessels have a maximum  
range of 21,000 yards. The British

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#### Big Sums Left Press Charities By Northcliffe

By Universal Service.  
LONDON, Dec. 21.

UNDER Lord Northcliffe's  
will a large fortune will  
ultimately go to two press  
charities, the Printers Pen-  
sion corporation and the  
newspaper press fund, it is  
understood tonight.

The bequests are subject  
to a large number of life in-  
terests. The two funds will  
not benefit until the last lives  
are ended under the life be-  
quests. As the youngest bene-  
ficiary is now seven years old,  
it will be a long time before  
the final transfers are made.

#### NURSE AND SOLDIER FRUSTRATE HOLD-UP

Woman at St. Elizabeth's Hos-  
pital Is Severely Beaten.  
Robber Escapes.

A lively tussle early last night  
during which a nurse of St. Eliza-  
beth's Hospital was severely beaten,  
frustrated the attempt of a masked  
man, believed to be a psychopathic  
patient of the hospital in the third  
hold-up on the grounds this month.  
He escaped.

Miss Marie E. Lyons, twenty-  
five-years-old, the nurse, was badly  
cut about the head when struck  
with the butt end of a revolver by  
the thug. She was carried into the  
hospital and treated by Dr. A.  
Eisher.

She, with Harold H. Lane, a  
soldier of Bolling Field, were near  
the old center building when con-  
fronted by the highwayman.  
Lane grappled with him and  
wrenched the gun from his grasp.  
As Miss Lyons reached for the re-  
volver the bandit broke from Lane  
and beat her unmercifully.

Authorities believe the bandit  
is the same who on December 2 held  
up William Jones, 1432 V street  
southeast, and Miss Maude Mundy,  
a nurse at the hospital, robbing  
them of \$30.

William B. Jackson, employed at  
the hospital, was held up on the  
grounds and robbed of \$10 Decem-  
ber 15.

Lieut. Michael L. Ready, of the  
Eleventh precinct, is leading the  
search for the bandit, assisted by  
Sergeants J. R. Irvin and J. H. Davis  
and Policemen T. A. Lusby and S.  
P. Myers.

#### Premier Lenin Again Reported Seriously Ill

By Universal Service.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 21.—Premier  
Lenin, of Russia, is again se-  
riously ill, according to dispatches  
printed by the Gothenberg (Sweden)  
Handelsbladet.

The dispatches state that Lenin's  
illness has again become acute, that  
he has been taken to a place of se-  
cret confinement for treatment and  
that there is little hope for his re-  
covery.

#### Mint Robbery Suspects Escape Posses and Flee to Mountains

DENVER, COLO., Dec. 21.—

Robbing the Denver mint of \$200,000  
Escaping from armed posses of  
Denver police and county officers  
at dusk, the men suspected of

#### BUTLER CONFIRMED BY SENATE, 61 TO 8

Three Republicans and Five  
Democrats Oppose Him as  
Supreme Court Justice.

#### MOTION FOR DELAY FAILS

Only Three Speeches Made  
in Four-Hour Executive  
Session.

By Universal Service.

The nomination of Pierce But-  
ler, of St. Paul, to be associate  
justice of the Supreme Court, was  
confirmed yesterday by the Sen-  
ate, after an executive session  
lasting four hours. The vote on  
confirmation was 61 to 8.

#### DELAY ASKED IN VAIN.

Those who voted against Butler  
on the question of confirmation  
were: Republicans—La Follette,  
Wisconsin; Norris, Nebraska, and  
Norbeck, South Dakota; Demo-  
crats—Harris, Georgia; George,  
Georgia; Hefflin, Alabama; Shep-  
pard, Texas; and Trammell, Florida.

Before the vote, La Follette mov-  
ed to send the nomination back to  
the Judiciary Committee that Prof.  
John H. Gray, of Carleton College,  
and other opponents of Butler,  
might be given an opportunity to  
appear. This motion was defeated,  
63 to 7, those supporting it being:  
La Follette, Harris, Hefflin, Norris,  
Sheppard, Trammell, and McKellar  
of Tennessee.

#### ONLY THREE SPEECHES MADE.

After the executive session ended,  
the injunction of secrecy was re-  
moved. Thus it became known that  
only three speeches were made.  
They were by Nelson, of Minne-  
sota, chairman of the Judiciary  
Committee, and Walsh, of Montana,  
a member of the committee, both  
of whom supported Butler, and La  
Follette, who was against him.

#### HOW THEY LINED UP.

The vote was taken shortly before  
6 o'clock. It revealed forty re-  
publicans and twenty-one Demo-  
crats supporting Butler, as follows:  
Republicans—Ball, Brandegee, Bur-  
sum, Cameron, Colt, Cummins, Cur-  
tis, Dillingham, Ernst, Fernald, Fre-  
linghuysen, Gooding, Hale, Johnson,  
Jones (Wash.), Kellogg, Keyes, Len-  
root, Lodge, McCumber, McLean,  
Moses, Nelson, New, Nicholson, Od-  
die, Page, Pepper, Phipps, Poindex-  
ter, Reed (Pa.), Shortridge, Smoot,  
Spencer, Sterling, Sutherland, Town-  
send, Wadsworth, Warren and Wat-  
son.

Democrats—Ashurst, Bayard,  
Broussard, Caraway, Dial, Fletcher,  
Glass, Harrison, Hitchcock, Jones  
(N. M.), Kendrick, King, Myers, Over-  
man, Pomerene, Reed (Mo.), Robin-  
son, Stanley, Walsh (Mass.), Walsh  
(Mont.), and Williams.

#### ACCEPTS CHILEAN OFFER.

The United States has accepted  
the invitation of Chile to attend the  
Pan-American Conference at San-  
tiago de Chile next March, it was  
announced by the State Depart-  
ment yesterday.

MME. SARAH BERN-  
HARDT, famous French  
actress, who was stricken with  
a heart attack on Monday while  
rehearsing a new play in Paris.  
She is reported as being im-  
proved and plans a long rest  
before returning to the stage.



#### DIVINE SARAH CURED BY DR. COUE METHOD

Astounds Physicians By Rapid  
Recovery After Attack  
of Syncope.

By BASIL D. WOON.

Special Wireless to Universal Service.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—The rapid cure  
of Mme. Sarah Bernhardt, restoring  
her to her usual health within a  
few days after an attack of syn-  
cope, was effected by her adop-  
tion of Professor Coue's theory of  
auto-suggestion, according to an in-  
timate friend of the actress.

According to this friend, Mme.  
Bernhardt, as soon as she regained  
consciousness after her attack dur-  
ing rehearsal Monday, began repeat-  
ing:

"I am not ill. I am just tired.  
I shall return to the theater in  
three days as soon as I am rested."

The doctors at first diagnosed  
the illness as a heart seizure and  
declared the attack came within a  
narrow margin of being fatal. They  
were dumfounded when they re-  
turned to Mme. Bernhardt's house  
yesterday and found her writing  
letters, apparently recovered.

"I shall not die until I want to,"  
Sarah told the physicians and then  
paraphrasing Prof. Coue, repeated:  
"My vitality, triumphing over my  
feeble body, comes from the mind.  
I am so certain that my time has  
not yet come, that my recovery is  
certain. You can do nothing for  
me, for my best physician is my  
will power."

It is announced that Mme. Bern-  
hardt will resume her rehearsals at  
once. The doctors say a similar  
attack would be fatal nine times  
out of ten to persons half her age.

#### BODIES PICKED UP IN ARIZONA DESERT

Cowboys Discover Them in  
Seats of Their Wrecked  
Army Airplane.

#### 75 MILES FROM TUCSON

Meet Tragic Deaths in Heart  
of the Papago Indian  
Reservation.

Special to The Washington Herald.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21.—Col.  
Francis Marshall and Lieut.  
Charles Webber, missing aviators  
from San Diego, were found  
burned to a crisp, 75 miles south  
of Tucson, according to a report  
to the Southern Pacific railroad  
offices here today.

#### FOUND BY COWBOYS.

Meager reports said the bodies  
were found by cowboys in the  
wrecked machine in their accus-  
tomed positions as if driving the  
airplane.

#### Flinding of the bodies ended a

long search by airplanes, automo-  
biles and horses. Two troops of  
cavalry scoured the entire country  
for miles.

#### HEART OF DESERT.

The spot where the bodies were  
found is one of the most desolate  
places in all Arizona. It lies 75  
miles south of Tucson in the very  
heart of the Papago Indian Reserva-  
tion. It is many miles from a  
railroad and is reached only by a  
little used wagon path.

The cowboys are taking the  
bodies into Tucson.

#### Ford Denies Financing Italian Fascisti Drive

DETROIT, Dec. 21.—There is  
little doubt in Henry Ford's mind  
that recent articles in the German  
press, suggesting that he may be  
backing the Italian Fascisti move-  
ment, are part of some "organized"  
propaganda to discredit him at  
home and abroad.

"The suggestion that I am  
financing any such movement as  
the Fascisti in Italy is ridiculous,"  
he said.

#### Madrid Will Entertain Lloyd George Officially

MADRID, Spain, Dec. 21.—Lloyd  
George, former premier of Great  
Britain, will be entertained officially  
when he arrives here, it was an-  
nounced tonight.

It was not considered probable,  
however, that Lloyd George would  
accept any social attention as he is  
leaving England for a complete rest.  
Lloyd George, who left London  
today, is expected to rent a villa in  
southern Spain, where he will spend  
an hour or two a day in his journal-  
istic work.

#### Mysterious Motorboat Blows Up; Ten Men Rescued, Six of Whom Flee

Special to The Washington Herald.

TOMPKINSVILLE, Staten Island,  
N. Y., Dec. 21.—A mystery motor  
boat, the "Celestine," a converted  
submarine chaser, blew up tonight  
in the lower bay opposite here.  
Ten men were picked up off  
Mariners' Harbor. Six of them  
fled without stopping to thank  
their rescuer. Three are in the  
Staten Island Hospital suffering

#### American Debt Commission Is Strictly Limited

By Universal Service.

THE American Debt Commis-  
sion will be "strictly limited"  
by debt legislation in its deal-  
ings with the British Debt  
Commission regarding the fund-  
ing of the debt owed the  
United States, it was asserted  
officially yesterday at the State  
Department.

The statement was made in  
commenting upon dispatches  
from London to the effect that  
the British desired a modifica-  
tion of the 4 1/2 per cent twenty-  
five-year term provision re-  
quired by Congress.

The executive branch of the  
Government, it was indicated,  
did not feel at liberty to depart  
from the conditions fixed by  
legislation.

#### KLAN TO HAVE LOBBY HERE, SAYS WIZARD

Leaders of Ku Klux Depart-  
ment Mysteriously After Ses-  
sion in Capital.

By Universal Service.

Before mysteriously leaving Wash-  
ington yesterday the officers of the  
Ku Klux Klan decided to establish  
a lobby here to combat Federal  
"interference."

Agents will be sent here to op-  
erate at the Capitol and in the ex-  
ecutive departments that may be in-  
quiring into the operation of the  
organization, it was stated.

"This town is full of lobbies and  
we propose to have a body here to  
look after the interests of our  
organization," said W. H. Evans,  
Imperial Wizard of the Klan.

"I will not say whether it will  
operate secretly or whether we will  
have Ku Klux Klan written on the  
door. I will not even say that  
there is not such a lobby already  
established."

"Our session here is the first time  
the imperial officers have ever  
registered at a hotel under their  
real names. We probably will not  
do so again for a long time."

Late in the afternoon the Impe-  
rial Wizard cancelled the rooms  
reserved for the entire week, and  
with the other officers departed.  
They left no forwarding address,  
but it was believed at the hotel  
that the party went to New York  
where Evans said "an early confer-  
ence of Klan officials will be held."

#### NINE SAILORS DROWN.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—Nine sailors  
were drowned today in a collision  
between the Norwegian steamship  
Austurias and the French ship Vin-  
dits off St. Nazaire.

#### OFFER BY U. S. TO ARBITRATE EUROPE'S WOES BRANDED FALSE

Foreign Interests Have Made  
Feeler for Commission Led  
by Hoover, Is Belief Here

#### BARNES EXPLAINS STAND

Chamber of Commerce Is Not  
Behind Any Move Inspired  
by Germany, He Asserts

By Universal Service.

The United States has pre-  
sented to European govern-  
ments no proposal for an  
American commission to pass  
upon the German reparations  
questions, it was officially an-  
nounced at the State Depart-  
ment last night.

In well-informed circles, how-  
ever, it is believed that tentative  
proposals of this sort have been  
made by European interests. Sec-  
retary of Commerce Hoover, ac-  
cording to reports received from  
both London and New York, has  
been suggested as head of the com-  
mission.

#### HUGHES MAKES STATEMENT.

Secretary Hughes' formal state-  
ment regarding the report that the  
Hoover commission plan had been  
suggested by the United States  
reads:

"The Department of State can-  
not discuss tentative proposals  
which are made to it with respect  
to the European situation. The re-  
port that this Government has pre-  
sented to other governments a pro-  
posal for an American commission  
is unfounded. Of course, it follows  
that no assent of any other gov-  
ernment to such a proposal has  
been received."

The United States Chamber of  
Commerce, according to dispatches  
from abroad, is concerned in the  
plan for an American commission  
headed by Mr. Hoover. Julius H.  
Barnes, president, and Clayton  
Goodwin, vice president of the  
chamber, have conferred often with  
Secretary Hughes the last two  
weeks.

#### CHAMBER EXPLAINS.

Mr. Goodwin called on Secretary  
Hughes yesterday, following the dis-  
patch from London to the effect  
that Great Britain is disposed fa-  
vorably toward the plan.

Following the conference, the  
Chamber of Commerce issued this  
statement:

This report probably originates  
in the recognition by all coun-  
tries that a definite settlement  
of the reparations problem would  
be a considerable gain on the  
road to world recovery. It is  
natural that business organiza-  
tions of the world should look for  
aid in determining reparations to  
America, which refused at the  
outset to share in reparations  
and, therefore, has no self-inter-  
est in the question.

It is manifest that our Amer-  
ican administration is properly

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